

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 21, wherein the hollow bodies are helical springs.
3. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the helical springs are tensile springs having coils of which, in an unstressed state, lie against one another on a block.
4. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the helical springs are formed from a spring steel with a rectangular cross section.
5. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 21, wherein the hollow bodies are hollow cylinders.
6. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, wherein the hollow cylinders are formed by a rolled-up blank such that ends of the blank abut one another with formation

of a seam.

7. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 6, wherein the seam extends obliquely to an axis of the respective hollow cylinder.

8. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 7, wherein the seam extends around the respective hollow cylinder at least once.

9. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 21, wherein the internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms several flattenings, which are supported in each case over a set of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner cross section of the external element.

10. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 21, further comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a space between the internal element and the external element with little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an external cross section of the hollow bodies.

11. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 10, wherein the cage forms several thickened sections which

in each case are assigned to a flattening of the internal element and accommodate a set of hollow bodies and are connected with one another by flexible cross members.

12. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 11, wherein the cage is an injection-molded part, which is produced as a stretched tape and is bent at the cross members into a shape corresponding to the external cross section of the internal element.

13. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 21, further comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner surface of the hollow body with clearance, limits elastic deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.

14. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 3, wherein the helical springs are formed from a spring steel with a rectangular cross section.

15. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms several flattenings, which are supported

in each case over a set of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner cross section of the external element.

16. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, wherein the internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms several flattenings, which are supported in each case over a set of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner cross section of the external element.

17. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, further comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a space between the internal element and the external element with little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an external cross section of the hollow bodies.

18. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, further comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a space between the internal element and the external element with little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an external cross section of the hollow bodies.

19. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, further comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner surface of the hollow body with clearance,

limits elastic deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.

20. (Previously Presented) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, further comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner surface of the hollow body with clearance, limits elastic deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.

21. (Currently Amended) A telescopic mechanism for steering columns of motor vehicles, comprising:

an internal element which has a flattening at least on one side,

an external element which is complementary to the internal element,

the internal element and external element being movable relative to each other in an axial direction, and

roll barrels for guiding the internal element in the external element, the roll barrels solely being oriented primarily ~~substantially~~ transverse to said axial direction of movement between the external element and internal element and which transmit a steering torque between the internal element and

the external element, and which roll barrels roll at the flattening, at least some of the roll barrels constructed as hollow elasticity bodies which are elastically deformable.